(2) The panel—

(1) shall assess the air defense capabilities of the test aircraft referred to in subsection (c) after they have been modified with the B-1B avionics modifications; and

(2) on the basis of that assessment, shall determine what the air defense penetration capabilities of the entire fleet of such aircraft would be in all of its mission profiles if every aircraft in the fleet were so modified.

(3) The panel shall estimate the air defense penetration capabilities of the B-1B aircraft against the threats described—

(3) in the 1981 joint Office of the Secretary of Defense/Air Force Bomber Alternatives Study;

(4) in the 1986 Strategic Bomber Force Study; and

(5) in the most current threat baseline established by the intelligence community for estimated Soviet air defenses in the late 1990s.

(4) The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that individuals serving on the panel receive the full cooperation of all components of the Department of Defense in carrying out the functions of the panel under this section.

Reports. (5) The Secretary shall submit to the coagressional defense committees the report of the panel not more than 180 days after the conclusion of the test program referred to in subsection (b).

(f) FUNDING OF B-1B AVIONICS MODIFICATIONS.—(1) Subject to the limitation in paragraph (2), the Secretary may use expired or lapsed funds—

(A) to carry out the B-1B avionics modifications and the testing program established in subsections (b) and (c); and

(B) upon completion of such testing program, to carry out the B-1B avionics modifications on the remainder of the unmodified B-1B aircraft.

(6) The amount of expired or lapsed funds used for any purpose related to development, procurement, modification, or repair of B-1B aircraft (including such amounts of expired or lapsed funds as have been applied to the B-1B program before the enactment of this Act) may not exceed $527,100,000.

(7) The use of expired or lapsed funds for the purposes described in paragraph (1) is subject to section 2782 of title 10, United States Code (as added by section 1603 of this Act).

(8) Funds for the B-1B recovery program for purposes other than those stated in paragraph (1), or for such purposes but in excess of the limitation under paragraph (3), may be provided only by law through the authorization and appropriation process.

(9) For purposes of this subsection, the term "expired or lapsed funds" means funds previously appropriated to the Air Force the availability of which for obligation has expired or lapsed.

(c) ACCESS BY GAO.—(1) The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that the General Accounting Office has full, direct, and timely access to the documentation relating to the recovery program (including test data and results).

(2) The Comptroller General of the United States shall actively monitor the recovery program and shall provide periodic reports to the congressional defense committees on the status and effectiveness of the program.